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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOUR 1779 ON NORTH KOREAN PM'S VISIT IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF REPORTING AND ANALYSIS THAT WE NEED TO KEEP SOVIET-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
 2. PICKING UP ON CANADIAN SUGGESTION (USNATO 0579) WE WILL USE TERM "HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS" RATHER THAN "DISSIDENTS" IN SOVIET CONTEXT. SUGGEST YOU DO SAME.
 3. SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN SUGGESTED ORALLY, FEB 7, THAT THE US MIGHT WISH TO RECONSIDER ITS PREVIOUS REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 26 NATION UN COMMITTEE SET UP TO STUDY THE SOVIET DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. WE ARE CONSIDERING RESPONSE. HOWEVER, OUR INITIAL REACTION
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- IS THAT UN COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS SET UP TO STUDY NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY SOVIET DRAFT, IS NOT PROMISING FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
4. RE MOSCOW 1652. RATHER THAN SPECULATIVE CABLE ON SALT, MORE USEFUL PRODUCT HERE WOULD BE REPORTING OF ANY SOVIET PRIVATE COMMENTS ON HOW INDIVIDUAL SALT ISSUES

WOULD BE TREATED IN CONTEXT OF FINAL AGREEMENT. WE
WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN ELABORATION OF EVIDENCE
REGARDING SOVIET DESIRE FOR "SHORT FORM" AGREEMENT.
WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT'S FEB 8
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